

III. REMARKS

In the office action, Claims 1-6, 13-26, 28-30, 37-40, 42-45, 47-53, 58, 60-85, 87-88 and 92 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Phillips (US 6,188,898) in view of Stephenson (US 6,119,000) for reasons set forth in the Action.

Allowable subject matter has been noted by the examiner in claims 7-12, 31-36, 46, 59, 86 and 89-91.

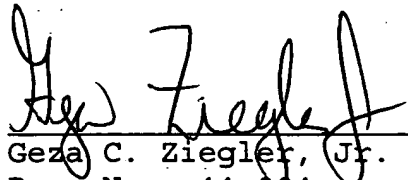
By this response, various ones of the independent claims are amended to include the foregoing allowable subject matter. In addition, various ones of the dependent claims are amended to conform to the amendments made to their respective base claims, or are cancelled because their subject matter is incorporated by amendment into the respective base claims. Thereby this response is believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 so as to secure allowance of all of the claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved further issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed for a 3 month extension of time. Since at least an equivalent number of claims were cancelled, no fees should be due for the new claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment

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